

THE OFFICE

TO BE USED AT

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, SHERWOOD
FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET AND BALTIMORE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA

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AT 4.30 P. M.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn 292

- 1 In the Name which earth and heaven
 Ever worship, praise, and fear,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Shall a house be builded here.
 Here with prayer its deep foundations,
 In the faith of Christ, we lay,
 Trusting by His help to crown it
 With the top-stone in its day.
- 2 Here as in their due succession
 Stone on stone the workmen place,
 Thus, we pray, unseen but surely,
 Jesu, build us up in grace;
 Till, within these walls completed,
 We complete in Thee are found;
 And to Thee, the one Foundation,
 Strong and living stones, are bound.
- 3 Fair shall be Thine earthly temple:
 Here the careless passer-by
 Shall bethink him, in its beauty,
 Of the holier House on high;

¶ Then Psalm CXXII shall be read responsively.

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
- 2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there is the seat of judgment: even the seat of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.
- 9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

¶ After which shall be sung the Gloria Patri.

¶ Then shall be read the Lesson: I Chronicles XXIX to verse 18.

¶ The Apostles Creed shall then be said by all.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Our Father, etc.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weary hearts and troubled spirits
 Here shall find a still retreat;
Sinful souls shall bring their burden
 Here to the Absolver's feet.

- 4 Yet with truer, nobler beauty,
 Lord, we pray, this house adorn,
Where Thy Bride, Thy Church redeemed,
 Robes her for her marriage morn;
Clothed in garments of salvation,
 Rich with gems of heavenly grace,
Spouse of Christ, arrayed and waiting
 Till she may behold His face.
- 5 Here in due and solemn order
 May her ceaseless prayer arise;
Here may strains of holy gladness
 Lift her heart above the skies;
Here the word of life be spoken;
 Here the child of God be sealed;
Here the Bread of Heaven be broken
 “Till He come,” Himself revealed.

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O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner Stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ Here notice shall be given of deposits made in the Corner Stone.

Hymn 291

- 1 O Lord of hosts, Whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes, in Christian lands,
To dwell in temples made with hands;
- 2 Grant that all we who here to-day
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deep Thine own,
Built on the precious Corner Stone.
- 3 Endue the creatures with Thy grace,
That shall adorn Thy dwelling-place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine.

4 To Thee they all belong; to Thee
The treasures of the earth and sea;
And when we bring them to Thy throne,
We but present Thee with Thine own.

5 The minds that guide, endue with skill;
The hands that work, preserve from ill;
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the top-stone in its day.

6 Both now and ever, Lord, protect
The temple of Thine own elect;
Be Thou in them, and they in Thee,
O ever blessed Thinity!

¶ Then shall the Bishop speak to the people.

Hymn 294

- 1 Christ is our Corner Stone,
On Him alone we build:
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled;
On His great love our hopes we place,
Of present grace and joys above.
- 2 Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing,
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious Name.

3 Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower on all who pray,
Each holy day Thy blessings pour.

4 Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore;
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away.

¶ While this hymn is being sung the Bishop, Clergy, Choir and People shall repair to the ground where the Corner Stone is to be laid.

¶ Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say:

Bless, O Lord, ✕ this Stone, and grant through the invocation of Thy Holy Name that this work begun in Thee may be fulfilled to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ The Bishop shall then lay the Stone, striking it three times and saying:

In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this Stone in the foundation, in the Name of the Father, ✕ and of the Son, ✕ and of the Holy Ghost. ✕ *Amen.*

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V. Except the Lord build the house:
R. Their labor is but lost that build it.
V. Other foundation can no man lay than is laid:
R. Which is Jesus Christ.
V. Ye are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets:
R. Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone.
V. In Whom all the building fitly framed together:
R. Groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.
V. Behold, I lay in Sion a chief Corner Stone, elect, precious:
R. And he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.
V. The Stone which the builders rejected:
R. The same is made the Head of the Corner.

Let us pray:

O God, Who are the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succor the builders of this house; keep them in their labor from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril, that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath been begun, may be brought to a happy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, especially for those who have given of their substance to this good work; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ The Bishop shall then give his blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 491

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;

Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.